

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-12

INFO OCT-01 AF-10 ARA-16 EUR-25 EA-11 ISO-00 SPC-03 AID-20

EB-11 NSC-10 RSC-01 CIEP-02 TRSE-00 SS-20 STR-08

OMB-01 CEA-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 FRB-02 INR-10 NSAE-00

XMB-07 OPIC-12 LAB-06 SIL-01 L-03 H-03 DODE-00

NSCE-00 SSO-00 USIE-00 PM-07 PA-04 PRS-01 SCEM-02

INT-08 INRE-00 DRC-01 ( ISO ) W

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FM AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4783

INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY BONN

AMEMBASSY CARACAS

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY QUITO

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI

AMEMBASSY TUNIS

USMISSION OECD PARIS

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E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: ENRG IR OPEC

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SUBJ: NIOC TENDER

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS MORNING OF DEC. 12 CLAIM NIOC  
CRUDE WILL BE SOLD AT FOLLOWING PRICES:

IRANIAN LIGHT U.S. \$ 17.04

IRANIAN HEAVY 16.04

ROSTAM 17.34

SASSAN 16.20

DARIUS 16.00

NO PRICES WERE REPORTED FOR CYRUS, NOW RUZ, AND BAHREGANSAR CRUDES.  
NEWSPAPERS FURTHER STATED FIVE COMPANIES DESCRIBED ONLY AS  
"AMERICAN, EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE" OFFERED THE ABOVE PRICES.

2. COMMENT: AS FAR AS WE CAN DISCOVER, THESE REPORTS OF PRICES  
ARE ACCURATE. HANDFUL OF NIOC EXECUTIVES WHO ARE HANDLING  
SALE ARE STILL CLOSETED AND ARE GIVING OUT NO INFORMATION. ONE  
USUALLY RELIABLE NIOC SOURCE REPORTS THAT IT WILL BE SEVERAL DAYS  
BEFORE NIOC MAKES FINAL DETERMINATION OF WHAT QUANTITIES TO ALO-  
CATE TO WHOM. THUS WE UNDERSTAND THAT ONLY A PART, IF ANY, OF  
NIOC'S AVAILABLE CRUDE HAS ACTUALLY BEEN COMMITTED AT ABOVE PRICES.  
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